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SUBJ: PRAVDA REPORTS SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE

1. PRAVDA APRIL 27 PUBLISHES TASS REPORT OF SECRETARY'S APRIL 26 NEWS CONFERENCE, DISPLAYING UNUSUAL ALACRITY IN COVERING FOREIGN POLICY EVENT WHICH TOOK PLACE ONLY 3-5 HOURS BEFORE THE PAPER'S PRESS DEADLINE. PRIMARY EMPHASIS IS GIVEN TO FORTHCOMING SUMMIT, WITH RELEVANT EXTRACTS FROM SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS ABOUT COOPERATION AGREEMENTS AND IMPORTANCE OF DISCUSSIONS OF STEPS TO PRESERVE PEACE.

2. ALTHOUGH TASS ITEM MENTIONS SALT, IT DOES NOT REFLECT SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS ON QUESTION OF US RESPONSE TO SOVIET MARCH PROPOSALS NOR DOES IT GET INTO MIRV. IT DOES CITE SECRETARY'S COMMENT THAT IT WOULD BE MISTAKE TO ASSUME THAT ONLY SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENT IS COMPREHENSIVE ONE THAT SETTLES ALL ISSUES. IT ALSO REPORTS HIS STATEMENT THAT IT NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED BY TIME OF SUMMIT. IT NOTES THAT SECRETARY WILL DISCUSS SALT IN GENEVA WITH GROMYKO.

3. BRIEF REFERENCE TO MIDDLE EAST STRESSES GENEVA FORUM (SEE SEPTTEL). THERE IS NO MENTION OF MFN, EMIGRATION OR
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SECRETARY'S DISCUSSION WITH SEN. JACKSON, NOR IS THERE ANY

REFLECTION OF QUESTION ABOUT ADDITIONAL PRE-SUMMIT VISIT TO
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